

**Learn the Ancient Craft of Dry-Laid Stone Masonry!**  
**Drystone Walling Workshop offered**  
**At Roosevelt Farm Lane, Route 9 Trailhead, October 27-29, 2010**

Individuals interested in learning more about New York's wonderful dry-laid stone walls and the ancient craft of drystone masonry are invited to participate in a general public workshop scheduled for **Wednesday – Friday, October 27-29, 2010**, at the Roosevelt Farm Lane Rt. 9 trailhead. Co-hosted by the National Park Service and Scenic Hudson, this three-day introductory workshop will be taught by professional drystone masons from the nationally recognized Dry Stone Conservancy, a Kentucky-based nonprofit organization whose mission is to preserve historic drystone structures nationwide and to revive and promote the ancient craft of dry-laid stone masonry. Potential attendees should be able to commit to all three days to derive the most benefit and sense of accomplishment.



Dry Stone Workshop Before



Dry Stone Workshop After

The Conservancy's workshops are hands-on training events where participants learn the craft while contributing to the public's understanding of our nation's incredible drystone heritage and tradition of building enduring stone structures without the use of any mortar. The Farm Lane project focuses on the construction of a new wall at the Farm Lane Trailhead. The workshop is designed for enthusiasts and masons with little to no previous drystone experience who would like to gain a basic understanding of this beautiful and practical craft. The pace will be comfortable as participants, guided by the Conservancy's professional drystone mason instructors, learn the fundamental skills needed to construct a stone wall. The work will demonstrate the techniques necessary to create a dry stone laid wall that will remain structurally sound for years to come.

The free workshop is limited to 12 participants and runs from 8:30 AM to 4:00 PM all three days. The workshop includes a brief classroom introduction to the "four basic principles and five golden rules" of drystone construction followed by hands-on instruction for the remaining two days. All participants will receive a copy of the Conservancy's training manual *Building and Repairing Dry Stone Fences & Retaining Walls*. Funded by the National Park Service, register by contacting David Hayes at 845-229-1521. **Advanced registration is required by Monday, October 25.** To learn more about the Dry Stone Conservancy go to [www.drystone.org](http://www.drystone.org).

Roosevelt Farm Lane is part of the **Home of Franklin D. Roosevelt National Historic Site**, and is located on Route 9 in Hyde Park. The park's mailing address is 4097 Albany Post Road, Hyde Park NY 12538. The classroom portion will take place at the park headquarters "Bellefield". For directions and more information go to [www.nps.gov/hofr](http://www.nps.gov/hofr).

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